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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

DATE: March 18, 2018

SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting Death of Ernie Saldivar, which occurred on March 8, 2018 at 1735 hours

CASE: Riverside Police Department File #P180670133

LOCATION: 9931 Willowbrook Road, Jurupa Valley

On March 8, 2018, I was advised by Frank Hauptmann, Manager of the Community Police Review Commission, of the Officer Involved Shooting death of Ernie Saldivar by members of the Riverside Police Department. I was asked to conduct a neighborhood canvass of the location to search for potential witnesses who had not been located by investigative personnel immediately after the incident. I was also advised that since the incident occurred in the jurisdiction of the Riverside Sheriff's Department, the Officer Involved Shooting would be investigated by the Sheriff's Department.

Shortly after noon on March 9, 2018, I responded to the location and discovered that Riverside Sheriff's Department Patrol, Detectives, and Crime Lab personnel were still on scene. I contacted several persons on Willowbrook Road, between Foxborough Road and Fairford Street but found no one who witnessed the shooting.

On March 14, 2018, I attended the Executive Briefing of the Officer Involved Shooting, conducted by Riverside Police Detectives and Internal Affairs Investigators. It should be noted that the handling investigators from the Riverside Sheriff's Department were not



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present. I learned that Ernie Saldivar was suspected of shooting at his girlfriend on August 26, 2017 and was also a person of interest in the shooting and wounding of a male adult just prior to shooting at his girlfriend. Both of these shootings were being investigated by Riverside Police Detectives who were actively searching for Mr. Saldivar and had obtained a Parole Violation warrant for his arrest.

On March 8, 2018, Riverside Police received information that Mr. Saldivar was staying at 9931 Willowbrook Road, Jurupa Valley and may be armed. Several Officers responded to the location and set up a surveillance. After some time, Mr. Saldivar, accompanied by a male and female adult, were observed standing inside one of the 2 garages. A plan was devised to approach Mr. Saldivar and take him into custody.

As the uniformed officers approached the garage, Mr. Saldivar looked in their direction, moved his hands towards his waistband or pants pockets and began to run towards a door leading in to the residence. Fearing that Mr. Saldivar was attempting to arm himself, two Riverside Police Officers fired their weapons in his direction. After entering the house, Mr. Saldivar stopped running and, once again, placed his hands near his waistband or pants pockets causing the same two Riverside Police Officers to fire at him again. Mr. Saldivar was struck by the gunfire, fell, and taken into custody. A loaded pistol was recovered from his pants pocket. Medical treatment was provided to Mr. Saldivar, who died from his wounds. It should be noted that one of the Officers present had turned on a tape recorder as he approached the residence and the tape clearly reveals more than one person shouting "Hands, Hands, Hands" prior to hearing gunshots.

I will review the facts of the Officer Involved Shooting Death of Ernie Saldivar when Riverside Sheriff's Department completes their investigation and provides Riverside Police Department with their findings.



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